AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 16.

A damper apparatus 51 comprises a retainer plates 71, 72 having peripheral portions interconnected by rivets 73, a plurality of sets of small and large ~~spring~~springs 81, 82 (one small spring 81 and one large spring 82 constitute one set) disposed at predetermined position within an annular cavity defined by the retainer plates 71, 72, piece members 65 each of which is disposed between adjacent sets of springs 81, 82 and is movable in the cavity defined by the retainer plates 71, 72 and a plate 61 having pawls 63 elastically engaged by the springs 81, 82. Further, the retainer plate 81 is provided with bent portions 75 for regulating movements of the springs 81, 82.

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 7.

However, since the above-mentioned damper apparatus 51 is attached to the opponent member by the rivets 73, as shown in Fig. 4, it is necessary that outer peripheral edge portions of the retainer plates 71, 72 having holes 74 be

parallel with the opponent member and that a certain amount of a width of each parallel portion be maintained, thereby ~~arising~~giving rise to a problem that the diameter of the damper apparatus becomes great.

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 8.

The damper apparatus 1 further includes a substantially annular plate 13 having pawls 14 elastically engaged by the small spring 31 and the large spring 32. Plate 13 further includes a plurality of splines 41 disposed on an inner periphery thereof with intervals substantially equidistant in a circumferential direction. Pieces 15 disposed between adjacent sets of small springs 31 and large springs 32 are movable in the cavity defined by the holder 35. As seen in Fig. 2, the thickness of plate 13 in an axial direction of the damper apparatus (horizontal direction in Fig. 2) is substantially equal to that of ring 33. Thus, as shown, opposite end surfaces of ring 33 are substantially aligned with opposite end surfaces of plate 13 in the axial direction. As also seen in Fig. 2, spline 41 on plate 13 projects radially inwardly from the inner peripheries of the retainer plates 11, 12.